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REMARKS

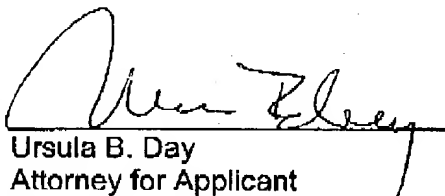
The foregoing amendments to the claim were discussed in an interview with the Examiner on March 4, 2004 in which the amendments to the claims were discussed. In accordance with the discussion, the amendments correct each and every informality which was objected to by the Examiner. The changes are cosmetic in nature and no substantive changes were made to the claims. Thus, claim 12, 14 and 15 were amended to change the claims for proper dependency. In claim 18, the words, --the method-- were inserted, lest the Examiner reads the word 'comprising' as modifying the preceding term. The term "the" in the phrase "the spent treatment solution" was deleted to make the term definite. The term "treated water" was modified to read --the so treated water-- to also make it definite. Furthermore claim 26, has been amended to insert a hyphen between "after" and "treatment" to read it correctly as --after-treatment--. The term "2-phosphono butane-1, 2, 4 – tricarboxylic acid" has been replaced by "phosphono butane-1, 2, 4 – tricarboxylic acid" which is supported by the description as acknowledged by the Examiner.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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